

## MINUTES

### COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 736 RICHLAND AVENUE, W., AIKEN, S. C.

SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 25, 2005 – 6:00 P. M.

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#### (A) CALL TO ORDER

Determining that a quorum was present, Chairman Young called the meeting to order.

Council Members present:

Chairman Ronnie Young  
Kathy Rawls  
Scott Singer  
LaWana McKenzie  
Chuck Smith  
Eddie Butler  
Charles Barton  
Rick Osbon  
Willar H. Hightower, Jr.

Also present:

J. Clay Killian, County Administrator  
Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

#### (B) INVOCATION

Councilman Hightower led in the invocation.

#### (C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Osbon led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### (D) OLD BUSINESS

##### 1. Discussion of Aiken County List of Projects for the 2004 Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum.

- a. Mr. Killian distributed a rough draft of the 2004 Capital Projects Sales Tax Ballot and a memorandum from Mr. Joe Berry, Aiken County Engineer concerning the impact of adding Ballard Road to the paving list. There were two options listed to cover the cost of adding Ballard Road. Option A, offered by Councilwoman Rawls, included dropping Springflower Road, in District 1, from the paving list and adding that amount to the remaining funds in District 6 to total \$603,000.00. Option B would let all the districts share the cost for paving Ballard Road proportionally, based on the percentage of dirt road miles in each Council district.

After some discussion, most of Council appeared to be more comfortable with Option A.

- b. Councilwoman Rawls suggested that appropriate wording and a list of roads be placed on the end of the ballot to be considered for paving if any of the dirt roads on the primary paving list were deleted due to right-of-way disputes. Councilwoman Rawls clarified that any money allocated for road paving, by law, had to be used for that purpose.

- c. Following discussion, Councilman Butler summarized that it was the consensus of Council to place the appropriate wording, along with a list of dirt roads proportional to the number of dirt roads in each district, at the bottom of the ballot. In the event there is a shortfall in the primary list of roads to be paved, those supplemental roads can be inserted so that the County can make full use of the paving funds available. It is anticipated that the citizens serving on the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission will insert other projects from Aiken County and the municipalities to run up the total on the ballot to \$105,000,000.

Councilman Butler made a Voice Motion that the list of recommendations, as developed by Council and stated above, be passed on to staff to be presented to the Capital Projects Sales Tax Commission as Council's input. Councilman Smith seconded the Voice Motion.

- d. Councilman Hightower stated that the Development Committee was recommending that \$100,000 of the \$1,500,000 allocated on the ballot for renovations of existing parks be shifted to the Recreation Budget to use for the creation of a park in the Shiloh Heights area.

Following discussion, Councilman Hightower made the Development Committee's recommendation an amendment to Councilman Butler's Voice Motion. Councilwoman Rawls seconded.

- e. The amendment motion failed by majority vote with Councilwoman Rawls and Councilman Hightower voting in favor. Councilman Singer, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, Councilman Butler, Councilman Barton, Councilman Osbon and the Chairman voted in opposition.
- f. Councilman Butler's Voice Motion passed by majority vote with Councilwoman Rawls, Councilman Singer, Councilwoman McKenzie, Councilman Smith, Councilman Butler, Councilman Barton, Councilman Osbon and the Chairman voting in favor. Councilman Hightower voted in opposition.
- g. Councilman Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Butler seconded.
- h. The motion to adjourn passed by unanimous vote.

(E) ADJOURNMENT – 7:15P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

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Ronnie Young, Chairman